

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVANTS – Industries Department – Case under the Prevention of Corruption Act- 1988 for the allegation of demand and acceptance of bribe against Sri Vuppula Veeresham, S/o Sri Mallaiah, 55 yrs, General Manager, District Industries Center, Mahabubabad, r/o H No 15-10-313, Ramannapet, Warangal Town of Warangal Urban District – trapped on 10.01.2019 – Sanction of prosecution – Accorded – Orders – Issued.

INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE (VIGILANCE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 1

Dated: 07-01-2021

O R D E R:

Whereas, Sri Vuppula Veeresham, S/o Sri Mallaiah, 55yrs, worked as General Manager, District Industries Center, Mahabubabad district from 11.10.2016 to 10.01.2019 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of Public servant as defined under Section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act No. 49 of 1988).

2. And whereas, Sri Dharavath Bagna @ Jagan, S/o Jalapath, 37 yrs, Lambada Occ: Agriculture, R/o Teekya Thanda, H/o Mothiya Thanda (v), Peddavangara (m), Mahabubabad District is the complainant.

3. And whereas, Sri Dharavath Bagna lodged a complaint typed in Telugu stating that he is a resident of Teekya Thanda, R/o Mothiya Thanda (v), Pedda Vangara (M), Mahabubabad District, he is an agriculturist. In the year 2016, he purchased one harvester vehicle bearing No. TS 03 UB 6844 for Rs 16,96,171/-. Out of the said amount, he paid about half of the amount and the remaining amount was financed by Kotak Mahindra Bank, Alugunur branch, Karimnagar. On 16.02.2017 he submitted online application for sanctioning of Investment Subsidy pertaining to the said harvester vehicle under T-Pride scheme. Upon receiving a phone call from Sri Veeresham, Occ: General Manager, District Industries Center, Mahabubabad, he went to the office and showed him (Sri V. Veeresham) his harvester vehicle documents. After one week of the submission of documents, Sri Veeresham and other officials inspected his vehicle at Pochampalli village and on 18.04.2018, Sri Veeresham forwarded his report to Commissioner of Industries, Hyderabad recommending sanction of investment subsidy. On receiving further instructions from Sri Veeresham, he went to the office and submitted the harvester vehicle documents and bank account statement. Later on 31.10.2017, he received intimation from the Commissioner of Industries office, that 35% investment subsidy amounting Rs 5, 93,660/- was sanctioned to him and the amount will be released as per turn and the availability of budget. Later he visited the office of Sri Veeresham frequently and enquired him (Sri Veeresham) about the status of the release of the subsidy amount. In the last week of October-2018, the Office staff of District Industries Center, Mahabubabad informed him on phone that his (complainant's) subsidy amount was released and instructed him to come to the office. As per the instruction of Sri Veeresham, he took forms, went to Kotak Mahindra Bank, Karimnagar, obtained the signatures of the bank manger and submitted the same to Sri Veeresham. In the last week of December-2018, Sri Veeresham inspected the harvester vehicle and also took photographs. Subsequently Sri Veeresham informed him that he has uploaded the 2nd verification report in Telangana State Industrial Project Approval and Self-Certification System site and told that the subsidy amount would be credited to his (complainant) account only after he (Sri Veeresham) obtains and signs on the Unique

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Transaction Receipt slip and hands over it to him for claiming the amount. Sri Veeresham demanded him to pay Rs 12,000/- as reward for having uploaded the 2nd verification report in Telangana State Industrial Project Approval and Self Certification System site and also to obtain and sign the Unique Transaction Receipt slip and to handover it to him for claiming the subsidy amount. But he expressed his inability to pay the bribe amount and left from there. Sri Veeresham, Occ: General Manager, District Industries Center, Mahabubabad by abusing his official position is demanding him to pay the bribe amount of Rs 12,000/- for doing his public duty. But he is not interested to pay the bribe amount demanded by V. Veeresham. Finally he requested for necessary action.

4. Complainant submitted further report that when he met Sri Vuppula Veeresham, General Manager, he reiterated his demand and on his request reduced the bribe amount to Rs. 10,000. He got recorded the demand through audio and video spy gadgets.

5. And whereas, after observing all the formalities a case in Crime No. 01/ACB-WRL/2019 U/s 7 (a) and (b) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act No. 49 of 1988) was registered on 10.01.2019 by Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Warangal against Sri Vuppula Veeresham General Manager, District Industries Center, Mahabubabad, and made arrangements for laying a trap.

6. And whereas, it is alleged that during trap proceedings when Sri Dharavath Bagna @ Jagan, S/o Jalapath met Sri V. Veeresham, General Manager, at his office of the District Industries Center, Mahabubabad in his office chamber, Sri V. Veeresham General Manager asked Sri Dharavath Bagna @ Jagan to give the demanded bribe. Accordingly Sri Dharavath Bagna @ Jagan took out the tainted amount from the front right side pant pocket and handed it over to Sri Vuppula Veeresham, inturn Sri Vuppula Veeresham accepted the bribe amount with his right hand and kept the said amount in front right side pocket of wearing pant and was trapped by the officials of Anti-Corruption Bureau. The Phenolphthalein Test conducted on both hands, the right hand fingers of Sri Vuppula Veeresham proved positive and the tainted amount of Rs. 10,000/- was recovered. When the contact portion of the tainted currency i.e., in his right front side pocket of wearing pant of Sri Vuppula Veeresham, was subjected to Phenolphthalein Test, it also yielded positive result. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Warangal seized photostat copy of connected file, extract of Attendance Register, Inward and Outward Registers and the Secure Digital card containing the video recordings duly attested by the mediators.

7. And whereas, the above said acts of Sri Vuppula Veeresham, General Manager, O/o District Industries Center, Mahabubabad, constitute offences punishable under Sections 7 (a) and (b) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act No. 49 of 1988).

8. And whereas, the Government of Telangana being the competent authority to remove Sri Vuppula Veeresham, General Manager, O/o District Industries Center, Mahabubabad, from the service after fully and carefully examining the material i.e., First Information Report, pre-trap & post-trap proceedings, the statements of witnesses all the relevant documents including official favour file/proceeding and final report of the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Telangana State, Hyderabad placed before them in respect of the said allegations and the circumstances of case consider that Sri Vuppula Veeresham, General Manager, O/o District Industries Center, Mahabubabad, should be prosecuted in a court of law.

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9. Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act No. 49 of 1988) the Government hereby accord sanction for prosecution of Sri Vuppula Veeresham, General Manager, O/o District Industries Center, Mahabubabad, for the above said offences punishable under Clauses (a) and (b) of section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act No. 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

JAYESH RANJAN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT &CIP (FAC)

To
The Director General,
Anti-corruption bureau,
Telangana state, Hyderabad.